HERSETH SWORN IN FOR FIRST FULL TERM SERVING SOUTH DAKOTA

Congresswoman Eager to Work on SD Priorities in 109th Congress **January 4, 2005, Washington, DC** – Rep. Stephanie Herseth took the oath of office today for her first full term in Congress. Rep. Herseth was first elected in a June 1, 2004 special election, and re-elected on November 3rd, 2004 to the 109th Congress.

Herseth said, "I am pleased to take the oath of office today for my first full term in Congress, and to continue my work on behalf of South Dakota. During the 109th Congress, I will prioritize issues including our agriculture economy; renewable energy; fairness for the National Guard and our military veterans; making health care more affordable and accessible; and reigning in federal spending and the deficit."

She continued, "South Dakotans deserve a hard worker and an independent voice as their lone representative in Congress, and I am committed to working in a bipartisan way on behalf of our state."

Herseth was joined by family members in our nation's capital, and hosted a reception in her office following the swearing-in ceremony.

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